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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION
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In re the Application of

Robert R. BUCKLEY et al.

Group Art Unit: 2622

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Examiner: M. Nguyen

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For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR UNDERCOLOR REDUCTION

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In reply to the August 28, 2002 Office Action, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-22 are pending.

I. The Claims Define Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action rejects claims 1-5, 10-14 and 19-22 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent 6,289,364 to Borg et al. (hereinafter "Borg"); and rejects claims 6-9 and 15-18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Borg in view of U.S. Patent 5,075,787 to Shaughnessy et al. (hereinafter "Shaughnessy"). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Borg, either alone or in combination with Shaughnessy, does not teach or suggest all of the features recited in claims 1-22.